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FOOD PROCESSING PARKS ESTATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industrial estates/parks established in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total amount spent so far by the Union Government on development of these parks during the above period;

(c) the details of job oriented programmes being implemented in food processing sector during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to improve the functioning of the food processing industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) So far three Food Parks have been provided assistance. Out of these two are in the State of West Bengal and one in Kerala.

(b) The assistance provided by the Departmentis for creating common facilities in these food parks such as analytical and quality control laboratory, cold storage/modified atmosphere cold storage, warehousing facilities, supplementary pollution control facilities etc. The amount of assistance provided is as under :-

Year	Rs. In lakhs
1996-97	50.00
1997-98	75.00
1998-99	275.00

(c) The Department is implementing the following schemes for manpower development in food processing industries :

(i) Personpower development in rural areas (Food Processing and Training Centres or FPTCs)

(ii) Personpower development in grain processing industries.

(iii) Training of personpower in meat processing.

(iv) Training of traditional fisherpersons.

(v) Creation of infrastructural facilities such as library, labratories, pilot plant etc.

(vi) Training programmes sponsored by D/O FPI.

Entrepreneurs/organisations from all States can avail these schemes. A sum of Rs. 460.50 lakhs was provided as assistance to various entrepreneurs/organisations during the last 3 years for manpower development.

(d) The steps taken by the Govt. to boost the food processing industries are :-

(i) Automatic approval for foreign direct investment upto 100% is available for most of the processed food items.

(ii) Food Processing Industries have been included in the list of priority sector for bank lending.

(iii) Most of the processed food items have been exempted from the purview of licensing under Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951.

(iv) Excise and Custom Duties for food processing items have been rationalized.

(v) Close interaction with Nodal Agencies of the State Governments is maintained.

(vi) Under the Plan Schemes of the Dept. of Food Processing industries, financial assistance in the form of soft loan and grant is provided to Private Industries/Public Sector Undertakings/Non Governmental Organisations/Co-Operatives/Human Resource Development Organisations and Research and Development Institutions etc. for the development of processed food sector.